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SUBJECT: JORGE ABREU COMMENTS ON FRELIMO INTENTIONS,
MOZAMBIQUE'S FOREIGN RELATIONS, PRESS

REF: A) LOURENCO MARQUES 387; B) LOURENCO MARQUES 410

1. DURING FAREWELL LUNCHEON MAY 30, LOURENCO MARQUES BUSINESS-
MAN AND GUMO LEADER JORGE ABREU TOLD ME HE HAD RECENTLY
DISCUSSED MOZAMBIQUE POLITICAL SITUATION WITH KING SOBHUZA
OF SWAZILAND, DURING TRIP MADE BY GUMO LEADERS TO MBABANE
(REF A). ACCORDING KING SOBHUZA, FRELIMO WANTS TO ESTABLISH
FEDERAL UNION WITH TANZANIA. THIS, KING INDICATED, WAS
UNSETTLING FOR SWAZILAND, WHICH HE IMPLIED MIGHT CONSIDER
REVIVING ANCESTRAL TERRITORIAL CLAIMS TO LOURENCO MARQUES
AREA. ABREU SAID HE HAD SUBSEQUENTLY DISCUSSED MATTER WITH
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MOZAMBIQUE DEMOCRATS ATTORNEY ADRIAO RODRIGUES, WHO IN-

SISTED FRELIMO ONLY THINKING OF "COMMON MARKET" WITH TANZANIA, KENYA AND PERHAPS OTHER EAST AFRICAN COUNTRIES.

2. ABREU ALSO SAID HE UNDERSTOOD RHODESIANS WERE CLOSING CUSTOMS STATION IN LOURENCO MARQUES--PERHAPS IN ANTICIPATION OF CUT-OFF OF TRANSIT TRADE THROUGH MOZAMBIQUE. (LOCAL PRESS HAS PUBLICIZED REPORTED RHODESIAN STEP-UP IN CONSTRUCTION OF NEW RAIL LINK TO SOUTH AFRICA VIA BEITBRIDGE, AS ALTERNATIVE TO PRESENT ROUTES THROUGH MOZAMBIQUE. AND, FOR WHAT IT WORTH, MR. KENNETH LEVER, REPORTEDLY NUMBER TWO MAN IN RHODESIAN INTELLIGENCE SERVICES, HAS BEEN IN LOURENCO MARQUES DURING PAST FEW DAYS.)

3. CONCERNING PRESS TAKEOVER BY GROUPS FAVORING MOZAMBIQUE DEMOCRATS AND FRELIMO (REF B), ABREU SAID THIS BEING ORCHESTRATED BY INTERTERRITORIAL MINISTER, DE ALMEIDA SANTOS. HE (ABREU) WAS SHOCKED AT NAMING OF AREOSA PENA AS MANAGING EDITOR OF NOTICIAS, SAID PENA, AS CIVIL SERVANT, HAD BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR STIRRING UP EMPLOYEES OF LOCAL WATER AND ELECTRICITY BOARD (SMAE), OF WHICH ABREU IS PRESIDENT.

4. ABREU SAID HE WAS GETTING FED UP WITH JOANA SIMIAO, WHO CONTINUALLY ACTED WITHOUT SEEKING ADVICE OF OR INFORMING HER FELLOW GUMO CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS. FOR EXAMPLE, SHE HAD NOW TAKEN OFF FOR PARIS TO ATTEND A WORLD PEACE CONFERENCE OF SOME SORT. HE, ABREU, HAD PAID FOR SOME OF HER TRIPS IN THE PAST, BUT HAD NO IDEA WHO WAS FOOTING BILL FOR THIS ONE. (NOTICIAS OF MAY 31, HEADLINES REPORT FOR ABREU'S RESIGNATION FROM CENTRAL COMMITTEE FOR PERSONAL REASONS. HE SAID HE HAD JOINED GUMO TO PROMOTE CLOSER RELATIONS BETWEEN RACES AND SELF-DETERMINATION, AND HAD DONE HIS BEST FOR IT, BUT THAT POLITICAL EVOLUTION HAD OVERTAKEN HIM, AND AS HE WAS NOT POLITICIAN HE PREFERRED RETURN TO A PRIVATE LIFE).

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